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-- EVEN THOUGH YOUR VISIT IS PRIVATE, THE CHINESE WILL NOT VIEW IT AS SUCH. THEY WILL SEIZE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO PORTRAY YOUR VISIT AS SYMBOLIC EVIDENCE OF A RETURN TO "NORMALCY" IN SINO-U.S. RELATIONS.

-- SUSPENDED THE PEACE CORPS PROGRAM;
-- REFUSED TO ALLOW FULBRIGHT SCHOLARS TO COME TO CHINA
THIS YEAR;
-- CONTINUED TO CRITICIZE AND JAM VOA;
-- ATTACKED THE U.S. CONGRESS FOR INTERFERING IN
CHINESE AFFAIRS; AND
-- CONTINUED A HARSH CRACKDOWN ON DISSIDENTS.

-- THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP IS FEELING VULNERABLE AND DEFENSIVE. DOMESTICALLY, THE CHINESE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO REBUILD THE STRENGTH OF THE PARTY THROUGH :

-- A RENEWED EMPHASIS ON MARXIST IDEOLOGY;
-- A MUCH-PUBLICIZED CRACKDOWN ON CORRUPTION; AND
-- A CONTINUING PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGN TO JUSTIFY WHAT
THE GOVERNMENT DID IN BEIJING.

-- IN THE WAKE OF THE TIANANMEN CRACKDOWN, THE GOVERNMENT HAS SOUGHT TO RESTORE ITS INTERNATIONAL IMAGE BY:

- SELLING ITS OFFICIAL STORY ON TIANANMEN TO SYMPATHETIC THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES;
- SHORING UP TIES TO NON-ALIGNED NATIONS SUCH AS INDIA, AS WELL AS TO NAM MEMBERS IN AFRICA AND LATIN AMERICA;
- PUBLICIZING CONTINUING GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AND PARTY-TO-PARTY CONTACTS WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND THE EASTERN BLOC; AND
- PLAYING UP CONTACTS WITH WESTERN NATIONS (E.G., AT THE PARIS CONFERENCE ON CAMBODIA) AND WITH WESTERN VISITORS TO CHINA.

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